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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/166,488

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Justin I. King

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 4/26/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-19 and 24-38; now renumbered as 1-34.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 25 August 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-19 and 24-38 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Referring to claim 1: The prior arts on the record do not disclose or explicitly teach transmitting and receiving data packet formatted in IEEE 1394, wherein a controller attaches an ID header to the data includes identification information corresponding to a recipient device determined based at least in part on the transmitting device.

Referring to claims 2-10: Claims are allowable because they incorporate the parent claim's allowable subject matter.

Referring to claim 11: The prior arts on the record do not disclose or explicitly teach transmitting and receiving data packet formatted in IEEE 1394 on a same broadcast channel, wherein a controller attaches an ID header to the data includes identification information corresponding to a recipient device determined based at least in part on the transmitting device.

Referring to claims 12-19: Claims are allowable because they incorporate the parent claim's allowable subject matter.

Referring to claim 24: The prior arts on the record do not disclose or explicitly teach transmitting and receiving data packet formatted in IEEE 1394 on a same broadcast channel, wherein a controller attaches an ID header to the data includes identification information corresponding to a recipient device determined based at least in part on the transmitting device.

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Referring to claims 25-32: Claims are allowable because they incorporate the parent claim's allowable subject matter.

Referring to claims 33-38: The prior arts on the record do not disclose or explicitly teach transmitting and receiving data packet formatted in IEEE 1394 on a same broadcast channel, wherein a controller attaches an ID header to the data includes identification information corresponding to a recipient device determined based at least in part on the transmitting device.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

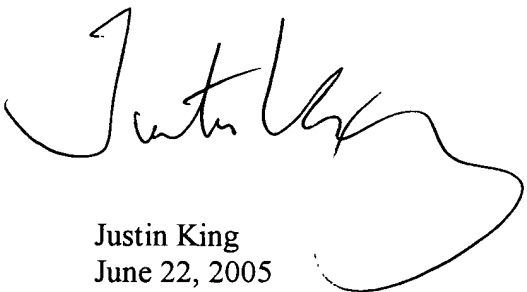
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Conclusion


4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Justin I. King whose telephone number is 571-272-3628. The examiner can normally be reached on max flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark H. Rinehart can be reached on 571-272-3632. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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